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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Atty. Docket No.: 00-1238)

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

The applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002. With this three month extension, the applicant's response is due on or before May 18, 2003. That day being a Sunday, the response is due on or before May 19, 2003, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21. The requisite extension fee accompanies this The Commissioner is authorized to debit any fee underpayment or credit any fee overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account 13-2490.

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Dated: May 19, 2003

Respectfully,

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